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Fix a Leak Week

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Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons of water or more per day. Common types of leaks found in the home include leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners more than 10 percent on their water bills. Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet valves, and showerheads. For additional information go to:

www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak

Save Money at Home with Water Conservation

Saving money is on all of our minds these days. One way to save money is to use water more efficiently at home. To help, you will find a "Water Conservation Checklist" on the other side of this handout. Take a few minutes to evaluate and improve your water use efficiency and start saving money today!

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Water Conservation Checklist

Indoors

- After turning off all water fixtures, I have taken a water meter reading before and after a one hour period to determine if a leak exists in my home.
- I have replaced washers and gaskets on leaking faucets.
- I have placed a few drops of food coloring in my toilet tank and waited 15 minutes to see if the color appears in the bowl. If so, I installed a new flapper.
- I have replaced my showerhead(s) with one that uses 2.0 gallons per minute or less.
- I know the value of water and turn it off when it is not needed. (e.g. brushing teeth)

Outdoors

- I conduct monthly inspections to identify and adjust any sprinkler heads that are spraying water on the street or driveway.
- I only operate my water sprinklers before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- I adjust my watering schedule with the seasons and only water one inch every 5 days during the heat of the summer and one inch every three weeks in winter.
- I have an operational rain and freeze sensor installed on my sprinkler system.
- I have at least a two inch layer of mulch around plants, bushes, and trees in my yard.
- I have expanded my landscape beds by replacing a portion of my turf grass with native and drought tolerant ornamental grasses, shrubs and trees from www.txsmartscape.com.